declared as 'disturbed areas' under the Armed Forces (Assam & Manipur) Special Powers Act, 1958 to enable effective action for curbing the violent activities of the militant groups.

Transfer of Officer in U.P.

1721. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Class I, Class II and Class III officers transferred in U.P. from April, 1993 to September, 1993 month-wise;

(b) the number of District Magistrates, District Superintendents of Police City Magistrates and other district level officrs transferred during the above period; and

(c) the estimated expenditure of payment of TA and DA etc. on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Statistics/records pertaining to transfers, expenditure on TA, etc., of State Government officers are not maintained by the Union Government.

ISI Activities on Indo-Ncpal Border

1722. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were reports of increased activity of ISI on Indo-Nepal border;

(b) if so, what is Government's assessment; and

(c) what action has been taken to counter the activity of ISI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of increased activity of ISI on Indo-Ncpal border which creates disturbances on our side of the territory.

(c) In view of terrorist activities along the Indo-Ncpal border, the Government of India has established an anti-terrorist checkpost near Sonauli in the Maharajganj district of Uttar Pradesh. Police stations, outposts and immigration checkposts on Indo-Ncpal border have been alterted to keep strict vigil. Border Security and policing have also been tightened all along the border.

Nexus Between Politicians and Terrorist Groups

1723. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) number of persons (both civilians and para-military force) killed by militants terrorists and Naxalities in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether Government had adopted any concrete action plan to tackle with these elements;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have also identified a nexus between politicians, smugglers and terrorists groups;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) action taken by Government to clear the society from this nexus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The information received from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh is as under:

State	1991		1992	1993
Andhra Pradesh				
Civilians	421	During the last		
Para-military Personnel	141	three years		
Haryana				
Civilians	56	52		5
Police Personnel	4	14		2
Himachal Pradesh				
Civilians	5	During the last		
Policemen	2	three years		
Uttar Pradesh				
Civilians	202	263		39
Security Personnel	30	18		2

The States of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Meghalaya and Sikkim and Union territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshdweep and Pondicherry have furnished nil information. Information from remaining States is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) Under the Vllth Schedule to the Constitution 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. As the primary responsibility for maintaining law and order devolves on the State Governments, it is for them to take action to maintain law and order in the State. However, the Central Government remains in constant touch with the State Governments and reviews and monitors the situation constantly. As and when necessary, assistance in the form of modern weapons and para-military forces is provided to the State Governments.

(d) to (f) No such nexus has so far come to notice.

Steps to contain militancy in Jammu and Kashmir

* 1724. SHRI MURL1DHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating some bold initiatives to contain militancy in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how the proposed initiatives are an improvement over steps taken earlier to contain militancy in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Government is keen to resolve the situation in J & K and revive normalcy and the political process.

The security situation in the State is being reviewed continuously with a view to stepping up pressure on the terrorists and reducing the fear of the gun. A few months ago, a Unified Command was also established under the Advisor (Home) to the Governor of J & K. The aim was to create a mechanism wherein there can be continuous interaction and sharing of information among various security forces functioning in the State and local police and to bring about greater coordination and integration in their operations. This has had a salutory effect and in the recent months good successes have been achieved by way of apprehensions and killing of a large number of terrorists and there are signs that this has caused disarray and even desperation in the militant ranks.